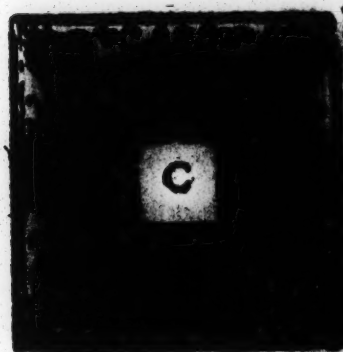


A P R O C L A M A T I O N,

Anent *JUS POPULI*.

Edinburgh, the sixteenth day of *February*, one thousand six hundred and seventy one.



HARLES, by the Grace of **GOD**, King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith; To our Sheriffs at Armes, Our Sheriffs in that part conjunctly and severally specially committred, Greeting. Forasmuch as, albeit by the Laws and Acts of Parliament made concerning seditious and scandalous Libels, Speeches and Writings, against the King for the time, His Person and Government; the uttering, Writing, venting and dispersing, bearing, having, concealing and not revealing the same, are straitly prohibite, and the contraveners Ordained to be punished with the pain of death, and the other pains therein contained. Notwithstanding whereof, there being a most wicked and seditious Pamphlet, Entituled, *Jus Populi vindicarum*, &c. lately printed and dispersed, containing and asserting pernicious and treasonable principles, and false and scandalous aspersions and reflections upon Our Person and Government, and the Authority and Proceedings of Our Parliament and Council, and justifying and vindicating the late Rebellion in the West, and stirring up Our People and Subjects to the like practices, and containing other matters of dangerous nature and consequence; which upon examination, is found to be a most seditious and scandalous Pamphlet and Libel, containing pernicious and damnable principles of Treason and Rebellion against Us and all supreme Magistrates, and the rights of Monarchy it self, to the great hazard of Our Person and Government, and to the great reproach and scandal of the Nation and the Reformed Religion, if the poison of so horrid and detestable principles should be suffered to be vented and diffused, by these who pretend to be of the same. Wherefore, we, with advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council, Do Ordain, That upon the twenty two day of February instant, the said Pamphlet be publicly burnt in the high street of *Edinburgh*, near to the Mercat-crosse thereof, by the hand of the Hangman: And do hereby discharge the importing, printing, having, venting, dispersing, or concealing of that Book, or any other Books of that nature, or of the Authors and Dispersers thereof; and Ordain the Acts of Parliament to be put in execution against all persons whatsoever that are guilty, or have had, or shall have any accession to the Writing, printing, importing or dispersing of the said Book, or any other Book of that nature: And hereby Require and Command all persons, who have or shall have any of these Books, residing belouth the Water of Tay, to bring in and deliver the same to the Clerks of Council, or any of them, betwixt and the last day of March next; and betwixt the said Water, betwixt and the last day of the said Month: with certification, that if thereafter any person of whatsoever degree, quality or sex they shall be of, shall have any of the said Books in their custody or possession; that they shall be fined in the sum of two thousand pounds Scots, to be exacted without any favour or defalcation, without prejudice of the other pains contained in the Acts of Parliament; And Ordains all persons who knows, or who shall know the Authors, Importers, Printers, Dispersers, or any of them, that they immediately reveal them upon their utmost perill. And for the better discovery of these who are or shall be guilty of the premises, and for encouraging others to do their duty in that behalf, we do hereby assure and promise to these who shall discover any that are, or shall be guilty of selling or dispersing the foresaid Book, or any other Books of that nature, so as they may be apprehended, shall have payed to them the sum of fifty pounds Sterling; and these who shall so discover the Authors or Importers thereof, shall have one hundred pounds Sterling; and if the discoverers be guilty themselves, they shall have impunity granted to themselves, by and attour the said Reward, upon their discovery of any others guilty thereof. And Ordains the Magistrates of *Edinburgh* to see this Act put in execution; And that the same be printed and published, that none pretend ignorance.

Al. Gibson, Cl. S^u Concilii.